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PRECIPITATION REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Alfalfa harvest was reported as 66 percent not being harvested, 19 percent light, and 15 percent moderate. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 15 percent excellent. Sheeping-off remained relatively constant compared to the previous week, being reported as light.

Range and Pasture conditions declined slightly from the previous week. Conditions were reported as 17 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 21 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Livestock** was reported to be in fair to good condition for the month of January. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate while **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of February 27, 3 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 3 percent of **Barley**, 0 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 0 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as headed.

Temperatures throughout the state dropped from well above average to average for the first time in six weeks. Temperatures ranged from 3 degree above normal at Casa Grande, Douglas, and Safford to 2 degrees below normal at Gila Bend and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 86 degrees at Coolidge while the lowest reading was

11 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 14 stations. Precipitation ranged from .01 inches at Phoenix to 1.00 inch at Flagstaff.

Arizona continued to record above average temperatures with minor precipitation last week. Weather conditions have minimal impact on production as the produce is irrigated. Last week central Arizona producers shipped a variety of vegetables including **bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, green onions, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa, parsley, spinach** and **swiss chard**. **Lettuce** shipments included **leaf** and **romaine**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including **anise, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Western **lettuce** and **salad/salad mixes** shipments included **boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine, specialty leaf** and **spring mix**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons, navels, grapefruit, minneolas, fairchild tangerines** and **tangelos**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit, lemons** and **tangelos** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 20-26, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	39	2	64	18	0.11	0.54	1.26
Casa Grande	56	3	74	41	0.14	0.14	1.36
Coolidge	55	1	86	32	0.14	0.18	1.51
Douglas	49	3	76	24	0.00	0.01	1.21
Flagstaff	32	1	55	11	1.00	2.11	3.97
Gila Bend	60	-2	83	37	0.12	0.20	1.17
Grand Canyon	32	2	56	14	0.66	2.55	2.59
Kingman	47	0	64	31	0.75	0.89	1.71
Parker	60	-1	75	42	0.21	0.23	1.00
Payson	43	1	68	20	0.33	0.74	3.78
Phoenix	59	1	83	43	0.00	0.01	1.29
Prescott Airport	42	0	62	24	0.86	1.20	1.73
Safford Ag Center	49	3	80	26	0.04	0.17	1.27
Tucson	55	1	81	33	0.19	0.29	1.51
Willcox	47	2	76	24	0.53	0.61	1.60
Winslow	41	2	70	18	0.01	0.18	0.93
Yuma	62	-2	74	46	0.00	0.00	0.57

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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